

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 11, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 16

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Resolution in Support of Lynchburg Grows**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution in support of Lynchburg Grows.

SUMMARY: When members of City Council recently toured the former Schenkel greenhouses adjacent to City Stadium that are presently being operated by Lynchburg Grows there was interest in adopting a resolution in support of that organization's activities. A proposed resolution is attached.

PRIOR ACTION(S): September 13, 2005 City Council members toured Lynchburg Grows greenhouses.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne, 455-3990

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Lynchburg Grows, a 501(c) (3) non-profit agency, has a mission of helping all alternatively challenged persons enjoy the healthy benefits of gardening while providing a valuable and diversified food source for the community, and

WHEREAS Lynchburg Grows has already had a positive impact on the community through the development of inner city community gardens and the establishment of a Roots and Shoots program for older citizens to educate and mentor young people on the joys of gardening, and

WHEREAS Lynchburg Grows is planning the purchase of a 6.5 acre greenhouse property located in the heart of the City, consisting of nine glass greenhouses totaling over 70,000 sq. ft. of growing space, in order to develop an urban farm, and

WHEREAS the property will provide an opportunity to implement workforce development and job training programs targeted for disabled and disadvantaged individuals and will also provide educational opportunities for all citizens through classes on composting, care and maintenance of plants, lawns, and trees, and

WHEREAS as a highly visible agricultural parcel in a dense urban environment, the urban farm will play a unique role in the community, providing its neighbors with food, educational and cultural events, open space and a connection to the land and will also serve to demonstrate the economic viability of small farm operations and the potential of small, regional farms to feed the community, and

WHEREAS Lynchburg Grows is seeking community support for the acquisition and operation of the proposed urban farm,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lynchburg City Council applauds the work and goals of Lynchburg Grows and hereby expresses its enthusiastic support for the development of the urban farm,

AND, FURTHERMORE encourages members of the Lynchburg community to support the efforts of Lynchburg Grows through donations of time and money.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council